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port of call visits during its New England/Canada cruises between May and October. Carnival Cruise Lines' **Destiny** inaugurates three embarkations from Boston— two four-day cruises calling at Halifax and Saint John, New Brunswick. And a three-day cruise to Saint John.

Cunard's **QE2** is back. She has a new itinerary— four six-day cruises to Southampton, England. This royal transatlantic crossing is in the spirit of the golden age of sail.

So many ships, so little space. In subsequent issues of this newsletter we will focus on Royal Caribbean's **Splendour of the Seas.** Silverseas' **Silver Wind** arrives from Dublin and a brand new ship, **Silver Shadow** makes her Boston debut. *Also* Holland America's **Maasdam, the Clipper Adventurer, the Regal Empress, Delphin,** Seabourn's **Pride** and **Sun** and **Rembrandt.**

Boston Premier continued

assured and have fun just as the kids do. Amenities include an outdoor swimming pool, whirlpool, beauty salon, casino, and more.

Elvis lives when the Las Vegas-based "Legends in Concert" hits the stage. And the kids will discover their parents **were teenagers once . . .** and maybe, even, again. Special Seven Star Service highlights include Godiva chocolates pillow treats and a cotton robe passengers can take home.

Premier's itineraries offer something for everyone.

Fit For a Queen . . .

You'll feel absolutely regal nibbling on QE2 scones. Maybe it's the sultanas— those pale yellow seedless grapes named for a female sovereign of the Middle East grown for raisins and wine–folded into the batter. These delicate raisins have a subtle taste.

Scones From the QE2

3 2/3 cups	Flour, low gluten
1.6 oz.	baking powder
1.75 oz.	butter
pinch	salt
7 oz.	sugar
4 whole	eggs
1 1/4 cup	milk
1/2 cup	sultanas (pale yellow seedless grapes dried as raisins)

Mix flour, baking powder and butter until crumbly. Add sugar, eggs and milk. Mix together and add sultanas. Cut out round discs and place onto a non-stick baking sheet. Bake at 425 degrees for 15 minutes. You can serve with butter, jams or jelly preserves, honey, or clotted cream and coffee, hot chocolate or tea.

Bermuda Bound continued

Lounge will be the Irish Rovers, authentic Irish duo from Dublin. There's a Mickey Finn Review.

The onboard television channel will have nearly 50 hours of Irish cultural, folklore and history. They'll be shipboard Irish Trivia Contests.

For a taste of Ireland, there's Irish stew, corned beef and cabbage and plenty of Irish potatoes. And to wash all this down, **Norwegian Majesty** will offer whiskey tasting from a selection of more than 40 Scottish, Irish, Canadian and U.S. whiskeys, as well as Irish stouts, lagers and green draft beer.

To salute the many New England residents with Portuguese heritage, NCL present a celebration of Portuguese culture and folklore on the August 27th cruise.

Popular singer, comedian and chef Dinis Paiva, who owns two restaurants in East Providence, R.I., will entertain. So too: Fatima Molina, Jorge Silva, Toni Carlos and the GeraSons traditional folk group.

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Welcome from Massport Executive Director & CEO, Virginia Buckingham

This is my first cruise season since taking over the Massport helm last Fall and I couldn't have better news to share with you. Some 122 ship calls are scheduled at the Black Falcon Cruise Terminal bringing more than 200,000 passengers to our dynamic city. The economic impact to the region is an estimated $50 million.

Massport's cruise marketing staff has done a great job over the past decade selling Boston and our facility as a friendly, efficient port with easy access to downtown and surrounding landmarks. It offers an attractive venue to cruise lines, travel agents and passengers. They came. They liked it. They came back.

To keep them coming back and to handle the demand of increasing numbers of passengers and larger vessels, Massport is investing $10 million to expand and modernize the Black Falcon Cruise Terminal. Plans include new ticketing, waiting and baggage areas, ground access improvements and new gangways to accommodate larger ships.

This year, **Norwegian Majesty,** resumes her weekly cruises to Bermuda with 27 trips. And three other ships have signed on for regularly scheduled calls at the Black Falcon Cruise Terminal. Premier Cruise Line's **SeaBreeze** has 36 embarkations alternating two-night cruises To Nowhere, and five-night cruises to Canada each week. Premier's **The Big Red Boat II** has 24

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Bermuda-Bound Aboard the Norwegian Majesty

Beginning April 17, **the Norwegian Majesty** resumes weekly embarkations from the Black Falcon to everyone's favorite island, Bermuda. This year's schedule runs through October 22.

This fall, seven cruises from September 3 through October 15 will feature Irish themes—with music, cuisine and surprises.

photo: swimming pool on the ***Norwegian Majesty***

In addition to the **Majesty's** acclaimed revues, there will be special performances including a mini "Riverdance" production. Music includes: "Danny Boy", "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling". The Broesler Irish Step Dancers will open the shows and provide step dancing instruction. Featured in the Royal Fireworks

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Boston Premier . . . For Big Red Boat II & SeaBreeze

Premier Cruise Lines premiers two cruise ships and itineraries in Boston this season. **The Big Red Boat II** and **SeaBreeze** join the armada of cruise ships calling at the Black Falcon Cruise Terminal.

With its 782-foot-long crimson hull, The **Big Red Boat II** is easily recognized as it makes 24 port of call visits during its week-long New England/Canada cruises from New York to Newport, Boston, Halifax and Saint John between May and October.

SeaBreeze, offers a series of 36 embarkations— alternating two-night cruises To Nowhere and five-night cruises to Halifax, Nova Scotia, Saint John, New Brunswick and Portland, Me. between May and October. **SeaBreeze** is family-friendly. The five-day itinerary features activities that can be done together or separately. Premier's "Cruisin' Kids" program for ages 2 to 17 is supervised so parents can rest

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photo: ***SeaBreeze*** *casino*

It's Destiny... It's Carnival... It's a Boston First

*photo: **Carnival** water slide*

The first-ever voyage by **Destiny** embarking from Boston begins May 22 when Carnival Cruise Lines' launches a series of three and four-day cruises to Canada aboard this l0l,000 ton floating city of ***fun.***

Destiny departs the Black Falcon Cruise Terminal in South Boston on Tuesday, May 22 and Monday, May 29 for two four-day cruises to call at Halifax, Nova Scotia and Saint John, New Brunswick. On Friday, May 26, the **Destiny** departs for a three-day cruise to Saint John.

Carnival is responding to the growing trend among North Americans for taking short, convenient getaways for a little R&R. Short cruises give the first time cruiser a taste of the good food, good times, and good value aboard ship. These three and four day cruises are ideal for young professionals or families with a modest budget and time frame.

The ship features a three-deck show lounge, 15,000 square foot health and fitness center, huge children's play area, a 214-foot-long water slide, a patisserie offering specialty coffees and desserts. When it comes to food, what's your pleasure? Italian, Asian, continental– the **Destiny** has it, along with two main restaurants.

Pamper yourself.

Royal Face Lift—$18 Million

Queen Elizabeth 2, one of the world's most famous ocean liners, has a new look. Cunard Line's grand dame of the high seas spent a month at Lloyd Werft Shipyard in Bremerhaven, Germany last November for refurbishing. She sports new furnishings, draperies, carpeting, crystal and a Harrods' shop onboard.

This regal refurbishing was the prelude to the exciting series of four themed transatlantic crossings from Boston to Southampton, England.

She arrives in Boston on May 11, for the '***Gardens of Great Britain***' cruise. Guest speakers from the Royal Oak Foundation include Anna Pavord, historian and author of Tulip Mania, Susan Crewe, editor of *House and Garden Magazine* (UK edition), and Warrren D. Davis, expert on the National Trust Gardens of Great Britain.

June 6, the **QE2** will embark from Boston for a **Floating Jazz Festival** to England with jazz legends: Oscar Peterson, Clark Terry, Shirley Horn, Jimmy Heath and others.

Sept. 4, **Views of the New Century–** experts discuss developments, past and present, discoveries and changes that will effect our lives and future.

Sept. 24, **Beyond the Human Limit** features speakers who have performed feats of endurance beyond ordinary limits. Terry Waite, a former hostage negotiator who was held hostage himself in Lebanon for over three years, is a speaker.

*photo: Harrods shop on the **QE2***

Around Boston

April opens Cruiseport Boston's busiest season ever but that's not all. This month also is the:

—88th season of Boston's boys of summer— the Red Sox. Fans' perennially lament: "This is the year!" Say it **IS** so, Nomar!

—103rd Patriot Day's Boston Marathon, with 20,000 runners burning rubber and carbos from Hopkinton to Copley Square.

—112th season of Boston's Swanboats at the Public Gardens at Arlington Street.

—225th anniversary of the beginning of the American Revolution— when Concord/Lexington minutemen citizen-soldiers fired 'the shot heard round the world'.

Don't let all that history fool you, Boston's a young city, too. Our universities and thousands of multi-cultural students keep things au courant. This is the center for both research and applied science, technology and telecommunications. For example, the interactive exhibit at the **Museum of Science**, which opens April 8, is an example. **Secrets of Aging** focuses on the current research in mind, body, society and longevity.

See how it feels to pick up a six pound bag of groceries at age 20; compare that at age 80. Young visitors can morph themselves by taking a picture of their face and making it appear older by using a sophisticated computer. Open: April 8-Sept. 4. $10. Info: 617-723-2500.

TEA IS SERVED — every afternoon at 3 and again at 4:30 p.m. in the upstairs lounge at The Ritz Carlton, Boston. Sink into comfy silk-covered antique love seats or armchairs and sip the steeped tea variety of your choice. At the table, a waiter sets out a three-tiered silver tray with small sandwiches of salmon and cucumber, scones with Devonshire cream and preserves, and petite pastries, as harp strings are softly plucked in the background. An elegant, formal Boston tradition since 1927, impeccably served — that's just one of the reasons the Ritz captured the coveted Malcolm Baldridge National Quality Award. Reservations are required. Children's service available. Tel: 617-536-5700.

photo: Ritz Carlton/The Lounge

GIFTS TO A FIRST LADY— Jacqueline Kennedy's travels abroad are recaptured in an exhibit at the Kennedy Library of some the gifts presented by host country dignitaries. Among those on display for the first time are the gold filigree box and an iridescent glass rosary presented to Mrs. Kennedy at the Vatican by Pope John XXIII. See the "radio-active pink" outfit Jackie wore to New Delhi or the pink and white straw lace Oleg Cassini gown she wore to President DeGaulle's state dinner in Paris. Open: May 27-Nov 1. Tel: 877-616-4599.

WHAT'S HOT—You can't be any more up to date with what's going on in Boston than **ARTS BOSTON SUNDAY,** the lively, 12-2 p.m. radio show on **WMEX, 1060 AM** on the dial. Joyce Della Chiesa, noted chef who teaches light Italian cooking, and Suzanne Lobel, cabaret singer, cram the latest news about the arts, theater, places to dine in the area, along with guest interviews during their two hour show. Don't miss them.

Cruising Canadian Ports

Natural wonders– Canada is filled with them.

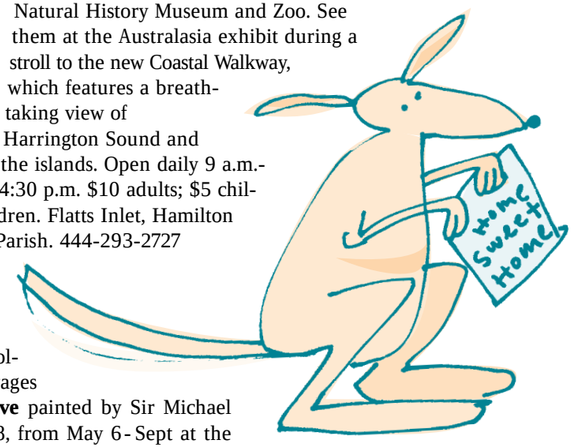
In **Halifax, Nova Scotia** see a life-sized whale, soaring eagles, models of Canada's oldest dinosaurs and hundreds of colorful mushrooms at the Museum of Natural History. There's a spectacular display of quillwork, as in porcupine, by First Nations Mi'kmaq artists. Open daily 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Adults $3.50; Children $1; Seniors $3. Tel: 902-424-6513.

In **Saint John, New Brunswick** stroll a few blocks from the dock to the "Inside Connection", an enclosed area containing the New Brunswick Museum, Market Square and Brunswick Square with shops and restaurants. At the Old City Market, which survived the great fire in 1877, the ceiling is built as an inverted keel of a ship. At Barbour's General Store costumed guides give walking tours twice a day. Local vendors sell crafts, artworks, souvenirs and baked goods. Reversing Falls is nearby. Here are some of the highest tides in the world. The tides of the Bay of Funday meet the St. John River, stop it and force it back up stream. Don't be surprised if you have to climb UP to get off the ship.

CITY OF LAKES– Dartmouth celebrates its 250th anniversary from June 23 to July 3 with waterfront festivals, a historic marketplace with vendors in 18th century dress and a re-enactment of the historic l750 landing of the ship **Alderney.**

Bermuda Musings...

'ROOS NEW AT THE ZOO – Kangaroos and Bennett's Wallabies now reside at the Bermuda Aquarium, Natural History Museum and Zoo. See them at the Australasia exhibit during a stroll to the new Coastal Walkway, which features a breath-taking view of Harrington Sound and the islands. Open daily 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. $10 adults; $5 children. Flatts Inlet, Hamilton Parish. 444-293-2727



JANE AUSTEN & FAMILY— See watercolors that record the voyages aboard **HMS Vindictive** painted by Sir Michael Seymour from 1845-48, from May 6-Sept at the National Gallery. The full-rigged **Vindictive** was the flag ship of Adm. Charles Austen, brother of the novelist. The Austen family provided additional artworks. Bermuda is the site of the Jane Austen Society's annual meeting in 2000. National Gallery, Church Street, Hamilton. Open:10 a.m.-4 p.m. $3. Tel: 441-295-9428

TALL SHIPS— billowing sails, square rigging and young seamen all recall the early days of maritime. Beginning June 1, some 50 tall ships are expected in Bermuda at the Royal Naval Dockyard and St. George and in Hamilton. Let the party begin! June 8, ships proceed to assigned berths in Hamilton. That night a festival begins along Front Street with food, music, entertainment and fun. Everyone is welcome. The ships are in Bermuda until Monday, June 12, when in an official Parade of Sail the Tall Ships depart Hamilton Harbor.